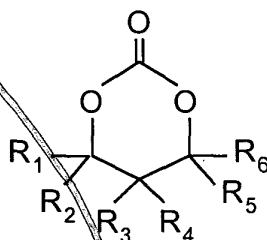


CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for preparing hydroxyalkylcarbamate compositions comprising the step of
2 reacting aqueous ammonium hydroxide and a cyclic carbonate, wherein the cyclic
3 carbonate has the following general structure:



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5 where R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are each independently hydrogen or a linear or branched
6 alkyl group with from about one to about six carbon atoms.

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2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of reacting is conducted at atmospheric pressure.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of purifying the hydroxy-alkylcarbamate composition.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of purifying is conducted using evaporation.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are each independently hydrogen or an alkyl with from about one to about two carbon atoms.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein at least four substituents of R₁ - R₆ are hydrogen, and at least one substituent of R₁ - R₆ is a methyl or ethyl group.
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